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THE COST OF LIVING.

Opponents of the administration seize with avidity any evidence that the poor, down-trodden people are compelled to pay more for the necessities of life than they did under Democratic government.

Notwithstanding the advance of nearly 4 per cent. in prices during the past five months, the consumer is not suffering, for improvement in business has been so extensive that the people are well able to spend more money.

The antiquated father of these girls was almost deaf, and when the governor went to this occasion to ask for his surviving daughter this frolicking conversation ensued:

"I want Lizzie!"

"I want you to let me have Elizabeth!"

"Oh, you want Lizzie, do you?" What for?"

"For my wife!"

"For life?"

"I want to marry her!"

"Oh, yes! Just so. Cheer you by."

"I'm precious glad you do," murmured the governor.

"Well, I've responded to the extra-ordinary need, but I want to see the whole neighborhood happy!"

"You're getting on all right, my lad, but for goodness' sake, if anything happens to this girl, your misquidant old man, come and ask me for the divorce!"

Jacks solemnly promised that he never would.

The good book says, "Feed my sheep," but it says nothing about feeding the lambs.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets, 25c.

WILL BE ADVANCED TO HE KEPT HIS LEG.

Twelve years ago J. W. Sullivan, of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire.

THOUSANDS SENT INTO EXILE.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate.

FOOD CHANGED TO POISON.

Putrefying food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poison.

Carrying the comparison back over four years to the time when Mr. McKinley first took the reins of government makes a still better showing for the champions of Coldenism, as the

WHAT TWO CENTS WILL DO.

It will bring relief to sufferers from asthma or consumption, even in the worst cases. This is about what one dose of Foley's Honey and Tar costs. Isn't it worth a trial? Hart's Drug Store.

Nothing makes dress-goods go up quicker than a mouse.

Mr. John Tippet, Colton, Ohio, says: "Foley's Honey and Tar cured my little girl of a severe cough and inflamed tonsils." Hart's Drug Store.

Putting nickels in a slot is pretty much like pouring water into a rat-hole.

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So I gather it up—where was broken The four-faded thread of my theme, Telling how, as one night I sat writing, A little inquisitive fairy—

My own little girl, with the gold Of the sun in her hair, and the dewy Blue eyes of the fairies of old,

'Twas the dear little girl that I scolded—

'For was it a moment like this, I said, 'when she knew I was busy, As some rapping in for a kiss?— Come rowdily up from her mother, And clamoring there at my knee

For one little kiss for my dolly, And one 'little uzzer for me!'

God pity the heart that repelled her, And the cold hand that turned her away,

And take, from the lips that denied her, This unwise prayer of today! Take, Lord, from my memory forever, That pitiful sob of despair, And the cutter and trip of the little bare feet,

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He was a clerk on a Mississippi levee, and so poor that, when he was called upon to make a railroad trip for a few hundred miles, he had to borrow the money to pay for his ticket.

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One of the worst pests that bother the farmer is the politician.

The pills that annoy you go will be quickly and permanently healed if you use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.

The most important people in the world are those who mind their own business.

A bad complexion generally results from inactive liver and bowels. In all such cases, DeWitt's Little Early Bitters produce gratifying results.

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The secret of financial success is to find out what the people want and then earn it.

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You can never cure dyspepsia by dieting. What your body needs is plenty of good food properly digested.

A woman can make a great change in a man's life, but she requires a lot of changes while doing it.

DON'T LET THEM SUFFER.

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SOLDIERS WHO DON'T WRITE.

The officers used to get stacks of letters from home folks, waiting to know about their boys.

Generally it was a mother who was interested in her son; sometimes a wife who wanted to know why her husband had not written to her, and not infrequently an anxious sweetheart poured forth her soul upon the deflection of some recalcitrant lover.

I had at the letters of the mothers and wives and grandmothers to attend to—and the bills, also—but the colonel concluded that he would look after the recalcitrant sweethearts himself; and it was not until I remarked that it would be a good thing to tell the people at the letters of the old folks on me and looked after the other letters himself, that he asked the hunt for missing sweethearts to my duties as well.

He was a very stupid Dutchman, with a stubbornness as great as his stupidity. The letter went on to state that Mrs. M—, his wife and baby were in dire need, that he had not written to her or sent her anything since he entered the service, and for months before, I interviewed him that night.

"Why don't you write to your wife?" I asked him, receiving no reply but a vacant stare. "Don't you know that she and her baby are in dire need?"

"Himmed!" he exclaimed, opening his round eyes. "Ish does a baby?"

"Why, of course," I said. "Don't you know you are a father?"

"I know it now, but I didn't know it before."

"Good gracious, man!" I cried, "you don't mean to tell me you've got your wife and baby never written to?"

"Do ish so!" he said solemnly.

"Why do you do it?"

"Veh, ish so quarrelled, she fights mit me, and tells me to go to de pufel, and I comes myself here."

Passing over the almost perfect attention to the regiment, I continued: "Well, aren't you sorry for the quarrel? Don't you care anything for your wife or the baby?"

"Yah, I grades for 'em both!"

"Why don't you write to her, then? It's a shame."

"I was tinkin' about it, I was goin' to write after awhile."

"Sit down there at that table and write now!" I commanded. "And let me see you write a new letter; and her's some money which you can send her, and you can pay me when you get your pay."

He took off his hat and sat down at the table, and with infinite toil and much prompting from me, and many